Breastfeeding

Percentage (%) of new mothers who reported the following reasons for not continuing breastfeeding

Survey Question 57: What were your reasons for stopping breastfeeding?

	Percentage ¹	95% CI ²	Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
I thought I was not producing enough milk or my milk dried up.	46.3	41.8 - 51.0	282	27,688
Breast milk alone did not satisfy my baby	29.3	25.3 - 33.6	157	17,484
My baby had difficulty latching or nursing.	24.4	20.6 - 28.5	130	14,553
I went back to work or school.	20.3	16.7 - 24.5	102	12,119
It was too hard, painful, or too time consuming.	15.0	12.0 - 18.6	82	8,998
My nipples were sore, cracked, or bleeding.	12.2	9.5 - 15.5	66	7,287
I thought my baby was not gaining enough weight.	5.9	4.1 - 8.3	33	3,515
I had too many other household duties.	9.5	7.1 - 12.5	56	5,669
I got sick or I had to stop for medical reasons.	6.6	4.7 - 9.2	40	3,959
I felt it was the right time to stop breastfeeding.	3.0	1.9 - 4.9	19	1,814
My baby was jaundiced (yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes).	2.5	1.4 - 4.2	14	1,475

^{*}Percentage = Weighted percentage of Illinois mothers giving birth to live infants in 2013 who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator

²**CI** = confidence interval

³Respondents (N) = Total number of mothers who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator

⁴Estimated population affected = Estimated number of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2013 who would respond Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator